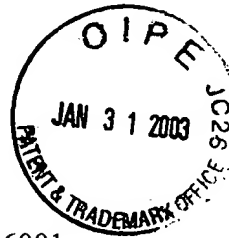


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This paper is a request for a continuation under 37 CFR §1.53(d) of:

Applicant: SHIN-ICHI FUNAHASHI AND SHOJI MIYATA  
Title: PROTEIN HAVING PDZ DOMAIN SEQUENCE



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Prior U.S. application no: 09/502,698  
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The prior application was complete as defined by 37 CFR §1.51(b), or was a national stage of an international application filed in compliance with 35 USC §371.

This request for a CPA is the reference to the prior application noted above as required by 35 USC §120. Kindly abandon the prior application in favor of the continued proceedings that are requested herein.

The prior application is assigned of record to Chugai Seiyaku Kabushiki Kaisha, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on May 7, 2002 at 012878/0698.

This request includes 2 sheets.

Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 4 pages.
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The entire disclosure of the prior application is part of this application and is incorporated by reference.

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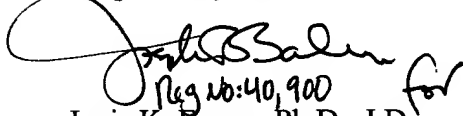
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**PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

Prior to examination of the concurrently filed continued-prosecution application, please consider the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. These remarks are to further clarify the utility of Applicants' claimed invention. In the Advisory Action mailed October 24, 2002, the Examiner indicated that the Response to the Final Office Action overcame the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejections; however, the 35 U.S.C. §§101/112 rejections were not overcome.

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